

***Celebrating California's Juvenile Court Centennial Conference
December 4-6, 2003
Renaissance Hollywood Hotel***

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WEDNESDAY, December 3, 2003

4:00–9:00 p.m. ***Early Registration: Avoid the conference registration lines Thursday morning and register the night before. Ask the hotel to direct you to the conference registration desk.***

THURSDAY, December 4, 2003

7:30 a.m. ***Registration and Continental Breakfast***

9:00–9:30 a.m. ***Opening Remarks***

Ms. Diane Nunn, Director, AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts

Hon. Michael Nash, Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles

Mr. David Sanders, Director, Los Angeles County Department of Children & Family Services

9:30–10:15 a.m. ***Child Welfare for the 21st Century***

To be announced

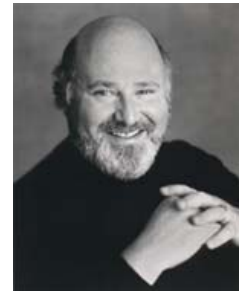
10:15–10:30 a.m. ***Break***

10:30–Noon ***Workshop Session I***

Noon–2:00 p.m. ***Lunch***

Special Appearance

Mr. Rob Reiner, Actor, Director, and Founder of the I Am Your Child Foundation, a national non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of early childhood development and school readiness.



The Unique Role of Juvenile Court

Moderator: Ms. Diane Nunn, Director, AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts

Hon. Marvin R. Baxter, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of California

Hon. Leonard P. Edwards, Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara; Immediate Past President, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

Mr. Roger Warren, President, National Center for State Courts

2:15–3:45 p.m. ***Workshop Session II***

3:45–4:00 p.m. ***Break***

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4:00–5:30 p.m. *Workshop Session III*

6:00–7:00 p.m. *Reception*

7:00–9:00 p.m. *Dinner Celebrating 100 Years of the Juvenile Court in California*



Banquet celebrating the 100th anniversary of the juvenile court and thanking the many juvenile court presiding judges and other professionals who have made a great difference in the lives of countless children. The dinner will feature speeches by dignitaries and performances by children involved in the court system.

Master of Ceremonies: Mr. Michael Pritchard, Motivational Speaker, Facilitator, winner of both the San Francisco International Comedy Competition and California Probation Officer of the Year

Hon. Ronald M. George, Chief Justice of California

***Mr. William C. Vickrey, Administrative Director of the Courts
Children and Youth Performers, To be announced***



FRIDAY, December 5, 2003

7:30 a.m. *Continental Breakfast*

8:30–10:00 a.m. *Opening Remarks: Hon. Leonard P. Edwards, Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara; Immediate Past President, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges*
Mr. Jerry Harper, Director, California Department of the Youth Authority

So, How Are We Doing? A Status Report on Juvenile Crime and the Juvenile Justice System at Its Centennial

The presentation will exhibit the contents of a virtual time capsule that if opened 100 years from now would give our successors some insight into the juvenile justice system at age 100. The session will present current crime and justice trends and new research findings that improve our understanding of the juvenile justice system.

Mr. Howard Snyder, Director of Systems Research, National Center for Juvenile Justice

Community and Gangs: Addressing the Lethal Absence of Hope

This presentation will explore, from a practitioner's perspective, the fostering of community as a viable antidote to youthful gang involvement.

Fr. Gregory Boyle, S.J., Jesuit Priest, Director, Homeboy Industries, Los Angeles

10:00–10:20 a.m. *Break*

10:20–11:50 a.m. *Workshop Session IV*

11:50–1:30 p.m. *Lunch*

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Breaking the Cycle—Lessons Learned Through the Voice of a Child

Families in the 21st century face many challenges. As a result, professionals working in juvenile justice and child welfare may confront the challenge of providing services to meet the needs of diverse families with multiple needs. This plenary will give participants the opportunity to consider new ways of looking at how children experience the risks to which they may be exposed and defining better outcomes by exploring these challenges through the eyes of a child. Areas covered include an analysis of current interventions and system goals, examination of the messages sent to children and families, important environmental factors relevant to developing interventions with children exposed to stress, and exploration of possible approaches that may empower children and families without triggering further adverse effects. Crossover issues such as domestic violence, substance abuse, and delinquency will be highlighted.

Ms. Zulema Ruby White, Information Specialist, Family Violence Department, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

1:45–3:15 p.m. Workshop Session V

3:15–3:30 p.m. Break

3:30–5:00 p.m. Workshop Session VI

5:00–6:30 p.m. Reception

SATURDAY, December 6, 2003

8:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Symposium A: Basic Dependency Law for Attorneys

This symposium is provided for attorneys new to dependency practice or experienced practitioners needing a refresher. This course is designed to assist attorneys in meeting the eligibility requirements of appointed dependency counsel under rule 1438. Attorneys who complete the class will receive a certificate that 8 hours of training in dependency law and related subjects has been completed. Please confirm all requirements for appointment with your local court.

8:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Symposium B: Domestic Violence Training for Court-Appointed Child Custody Evaluators and Mediators

This symposium is designed for court-appointed child custody evaluators and mediators. Topics include the fundamentals of domestic violence laws and procedures and the appropriate structuring of the child custody evaluation and mediation process, including screening and assessment, safety, maintaining objectivity, and framing the evaluation report. To fulfill the 12-hour training requirement of California rules of Court, rules 5.215 and 5.230, participants are required to attend this symposium, any five workshops on December 4–5 that are marked with the symbol ❖, and the plenary lunch on Friday, December 5.

Ms. Tamara Abrams, Attorney, AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts

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Ms. Jacqueline Karkazis, Child Custody and Visitation, Mediation & Evaluation

Ms. Sharon Lazaneo, Child Custody and Visitation, Mediation & Evaluation

8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. *Symposium C: Courtroom Testimony for the Child Welfare Social Worker*

The symposium is a 1-day training program developed by the National Association of Counsel for Children (NACC), based in Denver, to improve the in-court testifying capacity of child welfare social workers. While caseworkers are typically well-trained in the substantive issues of casework (mental health, child development, etc.), they are typically not trained well in the court process and their role in it. This training is uniquely created to fill that gap. Social workers will be trained, through a combination of lectures, demonstrations, and interactive participation, in the art of witness examination so that they will be equipped to perform at the highest levels in court. The end result is improved and more timely service to children and families. Faculty will include experienced dependency attorneys from the NACC and California.

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